

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

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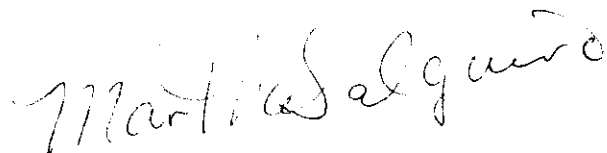
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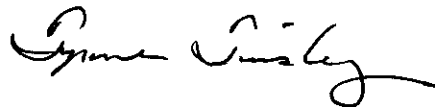
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*950 Exmore South Dr. Apt-B*  
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on deafness.

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We are Depts. + Support

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And one more Please Keep open on

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God Bless to FCC

Smile Supporter on URS.

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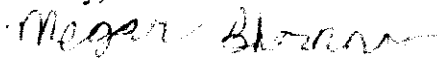
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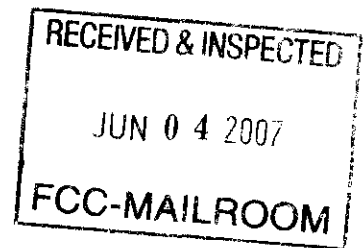
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Sarah C. (Baker) Waldrip

Frederick Arthur Waldrip <sup>hard of hearing</sup> (Husband)

9860 Shadow Wood Drive  
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*Mary E. Sevine*



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*Cleo Waters  
P O Box 12  
119 North Clark Avenue  
Irene, SD 57037*

May 30, 2007

To: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Michael J Copps, Commissioner  
Jonathan S Adelstein, Commissioner  
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner  
Robert M McDowell, Commissioner

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I understand that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the use of the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless service. I am contacting you to express my opposition to this unfair, arbitrary proposal for the following reasons:

1. While such an approach may provide a quick-fix leading to the rapid elimination of fund growth, it would also result in a terrible disservice to rural consumers. Rural consumers want and need expanded and improved wireless services in rural areas for public safety, economic development, business and personal needs that are equally important to them as they are to urban consumers. This is one of the main benefits that rural consumers receive from the universal service fund, just as Congress envisioned when it initially established the fund.
2. A wireless-only cap is clearly anti-competitive because it singles out wireless technology, which consumers are choosing more and more over landlines. We should be rewarding competition, not punishing it. Don't you believe that rural Americans deserve the same access to telecom services that are available in the rest of the country—isn't that the purpose of the USF?
3. Consumers are clearly demanding access to the benefits of mobility that only wireless services provide. This mobility results in extremely important public safety benefits in rural areas. As rural consumers travel from home to work or school, wireless service provides a very valuable safety tool. Without the continued needed support for the expansion and upgrading of the rural wireless networks, consumers will not receive these benefits where they do not already exist. Universal service support is essential if rural consumers

are to be provided service and rates comparable to those available in urban areas.

4. I have witnessed firsthand the benefits provided by expanded wireless services in rural South Dakota, and I do not want to see those benefits diminished by USF reform. Much of the expanded availability of wireless service in rural areas would not have occurred without the USF support provided to wireless ETCs who could not have economically extended their networks without such support.

I respectfully request that you carefully consider these facts as you seek to reform the existing fund. I ask you to find competitively neutral proposals to slow fund growth, ensure accountability for how these funds are used and promote the continued expansion and improvement of these much needed services in rural areas by targeting funds to high cost areas rather than by targeting reforms to wireless providers. I urge you to vote against the proposed cap on universal service support for wireless service.

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CC: Senator John Thune  
Senator Tim Johnson  
Representative Stephanie Herseth

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Thank you  
Lee & Kathy Schultz

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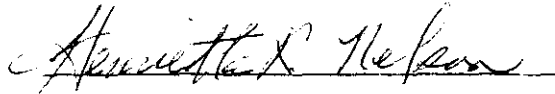
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Signature



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[Insert Your Name Here]

*Kerrie Mathis*

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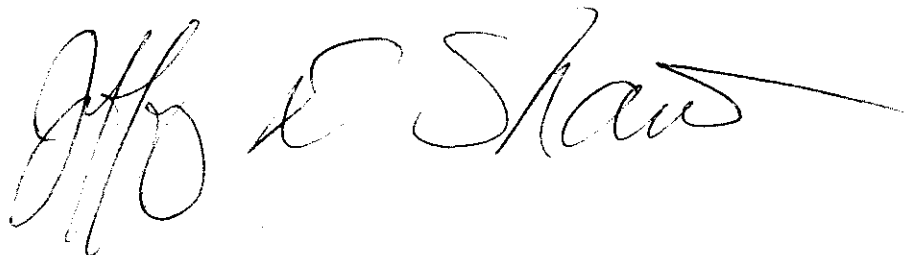
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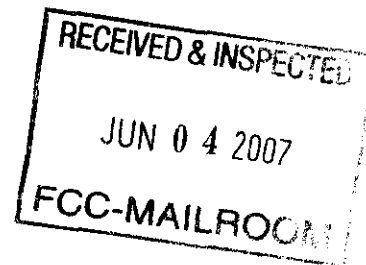
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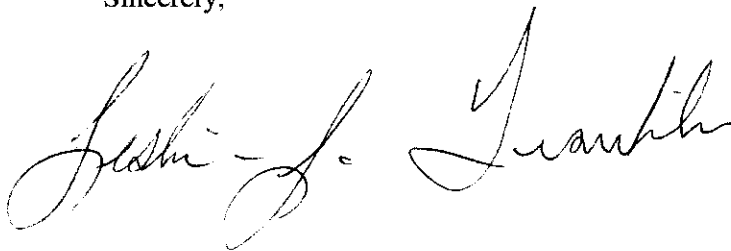
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